

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace paragraph number [0012] with the following rewritten paragraph:

**[0012]** The spaces between the first and second frame members and the reinforcing member are filled with the foamed resin, so that the first and second frame members, ~~formed~~foamed resin and reinforcing member are integrally united. As a result, the strengths of the reinforcing member and the ~~formed~~foamed resin can be added to the joint between the first frame member and second frame member, increasing the bonding strength of the first frame member and the second frame member. The increased bonding strength allows the first and second frame members to be made thinner in plate thickness and to be reduced in weight.

Please replace paragraph number [0014] with the following rewritten paragraph:

**[0014]** If the plate member and the first and second frame members are made from a metal material different from a metal material from which the reinforcing member is made in the present invention, the foamed resin interposed therebetween prevents direct ~~contacts~~contact between the reinforcing member, the frame members and other components, thus preventing corrosion resistance.

Please replace paragraph number [0023] with the following rewritten paragraph:

**[0023]** FIG. 4 is a cross sectional view taken along line ~~3-34-4~~ in FIG. 1;

Please replace paragraph number [0040] with the following rewritten paragraph:

**[0040]** Reference sign t1 shown in FIG. 2 indicates the plate thickness of the first frame member 11, H1 the width of the first sidewall 21. The widths of the second sidewall 22 and the bottom wall ~~22~~, 23 are equal to the width H1 of the first sidewall 21.

Please replace paragraph number [0043] with the following rewritten paragraph:

**[0043]** The outside diameter of the reinforcing member 13 is D1 which is smaller than H 1 (the width of the first ~~side~~ sidewall 21).

Please replace paragraph number [0051] with the following rewritten paragraph:

**[0051]** FIG. 5 illustrates a ~~temporarily~~ temporary securing step of the frame members 11, 12 and the mounting of foam resin.

Please replace paragraph number [0052] with the following rewritten paragraph:

**[0052]** The ~~temporarily~~temporary securing step of the frame members 11, 12 will be described. First, the first frame member 11 and the second frame member 12 are prepared. The flanges 38, 38 at the end portion 37 of the second frame member 12 are put on the first sidewall 21 of the first frame member 11 as

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**[0053]** Then, foam resin is mounted. The reinforcing member 13 and a plurality of unfoamed resin sheets 51 to be the foamed resin 15 (see ~~FIG. 4~~FIGS. 4-5) are prepared. The unfoamed resin sheets 51 are wrapped around the reinforcing member 13.

Please replace paragraph number [0055] with the following rewritten paragraph:

**[0055]** In the above frame member ~~temporarily~~temporary securing step, the spot welding operation can be finished with the second frame member 12 being provisionally secured, resulting in a reduced number of welds 54 by spot welding and an increased efficiency in spot-welding operation.